

**AREA CLOSURE for PUBLIC SAFETY**

**OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

1. **To go into or be upon any area closed for protection of public health or safety.** For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to enter or be within National Forest System lands, roads, or trails within the area of the Wenatchee River Ranger District closure area consisting of:

The closure boundary begins at the Ingalls Creek Trailhead (Township 23 N, Range 17 E section 25) and follows the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Boundary south to T23N R17E S35 until it intersects with the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Boundary. From there, the closure boundary follows the wilderness boundary west till it intersects with Beverly/Turnpike Trail #1391. The western boundary of the closure is the Beverly/Turnpike Trail and continues to the junction of Ingalls Creek #1215/Beverly-Turnpike #1391. From there, the boundary follows Ingalls Creek Trail east to the section line between sections 30 and 29 of T23N R16 E. The boundary heads due north to the elevation of 7,000 ft on the Stuart Range ridge north of Ingalls Creek Trail. The northern boundary of the closure follows the Stuart Range ridge east to the northern edge of the section line in T23N R16 E S26. The northern boundary of the closure continues east along section 25 of T23N R16E to section 30 and then north along the section line to the Stuart Range ridge at approximately 6,800ft elevation. From there, the boundary follows the Stuart Range ridge east and north until it intersects with T23N R18E S16. The boundary continues east along the northern edge of sections 15, 14 and 13 (T23N R18E) before turning south along the eastern edge of section 13, following the Forest Boundary south to the Ingalls Creek Trailhead (see map). All National Forest System lands within these described boundaries are closed to public entry.

This closure is effective as of **August 4, 2014** and will remain in effect until terminated.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, including Washington State employees in performance of an official duty, and their authorized contractors.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or a member of any organized search and rescue, emergency services, or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any private land owner exercising an existing right to access their own private property which is otherwise within the closure area as described above.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.  
Done at Wenatchee, Washington this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

/s/ Michael L. Balboni

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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 USC 551 And 18 USC 3559 and 3571)

### Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background. A lightening caused fire occurred on the Wenatchee River Ranger District on August 2, 2014. Fire Suppression activities and monitoring are occurring. Areas where fires are burning and have occurred may contain a high element of dangerous possibilities such as wildfire, falling rock, dead falling tree's, weakened slope stability, stump holes and other hazards. For public safety this area closure aims to reduce risk to people by prohibiting entrance to these areas.

2. Intent of Subpart B order. This order provides for public and agency personnel safety.

3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Staff with LE input	08/04/2014
Review proposed order	Law Enforcement	08/04/2014
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	08/04/2014
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff	08/04/2014
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District PIO	08/04/2014

Describe implementation/action taken for order, such as planned patrols, enforcement strategies, tolerance, contacts to local public agencies. Implement plan.

District FPOs, other District staff, Chelan County Deputies

08/04/2014

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

08/04/2014

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8-6-14

Date